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Application of: Alvarez *et al.*

Application No.: 09/079,678

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For: RANDOM PEPTIDES THAT BIND TO  
GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT (GIT)  
TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND  
RELATED METHODS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 19, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks intended to put all the claims into form for allowance. Applicants also submit herewith in connection with the instant application: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time; (2) a Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the appropriate fee; (3) an Amendment fee transmittal sheet; and (4) Exhibit A, with claims as pending upon entry of the amendments made herein.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 31-39 and 98-108, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

109. (New) A method of delivering an active agent *in vivo* comprising administering to a subject a composition comprising a purified protein which specifically binds a gastro-intestinal tract receptor, which receptor is selected from the group consisting of